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Senate

The Senate met at 9:31 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Sovereign God, You have shown us that Your name and Your commands are supreme. You answer when we call and strengthen us for life's trials. The leaders of our world depend upon Your providence. Our Senators reach for Your wisdom. You sustain us and Your promises are certain.

Lord, complete the work You have started in us. Each day, let more people see a clearer image of You in us. Keep us from deviating from the path of strict integrity, and help us to learn to count our many blessings. Free us from the chains of debilitating habits, as we rejoice in Your unfailing love.

And, Lord, place Your armor upon our military men and women and never leave or forsake them.

We pray this in Your holy name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Repub-

lic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, today the Senate will begin 60 minutes of morning business. Following that 60-minute period, the Senate will proceed to executive session for the consideration of Executive Calendar No. 310, the nomination of William Pryor to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit.

At the conclusion of that debate time, the Senate will proceed to a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on that nomination. I do hope cloture will be invoked and that this qualified nomination could then receive an up-or-down vote of the Senate.

If cloture is not invoked, the Senate will resume consideration of the Agriculture appropriations bill. We made good progress on that bill yesterday, and I hope we can complete that appropriations bill at an early hour today. We will have rollcall votes throughout the day.

A number of Members have inquired about scheduling. I made it clear that

it will be important, for us to achieve a departure day of November 21, for us to work 5 days a week, and we will be voting on Mondays and Fridays as we go forward.

It is likely that once we complete Agriculture, we will go to the Internet tax bill, and then I hope we can complete that in a reasonable period of time and we will follow that with the appropriations bills and will continue to address the VA-HUD bill at some point and Commerce-Justice-State. I am working very hard to try to get these appropriations brought across the floor, debated, and completed in a reasonable time.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there will be a period for the transaction of morning business with the first 30 minutes under the control of the Democratic leader or his designee and the second 30 minutes under the control of the Senator from Texas or her designee.

Who yields time?

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